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Amendment To The Specification

Please amend the specification as shown below.

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention section as follows:

Abstract of the Invention

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~~A An embodiment of the system including of the present invention generally~~
comprises a mailpiece sorting apparatus which includes a feeder, an OCR scanner, a
mailpiece deliverer, a diverter and output module, compartments or bins for receiving
sorted mailpieces, an optical character recognition system for reading addressee
information, an addressee database, and microprocessor based control system is
described. In an illustrative example ~~embodiment of the present invention~~, harmful
materials are detected in mailpieces and such mailpieces are diverted from the mail
stream. In ~~alternate embodiments of the present invention~~: another example, the
system is contained in a detection area and clean room; and / or the system uses x-
ray technology to determine the content of the mailpieces. The system provides for
detection of harmful materials in mailpieces so as to help deter delays in incoming
mail delivery caused by the presence of life harming material and to sanitize the mail
so as to protect the intended recipients from harm.